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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Israel and has the honor to present in accordance with accepted principles of international law a claim for $40,000 on behalf of [redacted] parents of [redacted] a member of the United States Armed Services who was killed while serving aboard the U.S.S. Liberty when it was attacked by Israeli air and naval units on June 8, 1967.

It is established from evidence available to the Government of the United States that [redacted] were now and have been citizens of the United States since September 15, 1921 and May 14, 1923, the date of their respective births at Batesville, Arkansas and that they have been the parents of [redacted] by adoption since December 22, 1947.

The evidence further establishes that the decedent [redacted] was a citizen of the United States since June 16, 1967, the date of his birth at Houston, Texas, was a member of the United States Armed Forces stationed aboard the U.S.S. Liberty on June 8, 1967, and was killed as a result of the Israeli attack.

The amount of the claim includes a specific allowance for shock and emotional anguish suffered by the parents as a result of the violent severing of family ties. It also includes an allowance for future support, services and other benefits which the decedent could reasonably be expected to have provided to his parents.

The Embassy of the United States confidently anticipates on the basis of assurances previously given by the Government of Israel that the Government of Israel promptly will compensate the Government of the United States on behalf of the parents of [redacted] for the amount claimed.

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Embassy of the United States of America,

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